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Disposal Urged For 3 Men in '50s CIA Files

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The Central Intelligence Agency confined the head of a foreign political party to a mental hospital at the height of the Cold War and considered disposing of him when he refused to stay put.

The 29-year-old political leader, who had been working clandestinely for the agency, was one of three "disposal problems" described in CIA documents released last week under the Freedom of Information Act.

The heavily censored documents—made public at the request of the Church of Scientology—did not reveal the fate of the three men.

A 1952 memo discussed the disposal of an unidentified "young, ambitious, bright" leader of a small political party "ostensibly working for independence" of an unidentified foreign country.

The memo said the CIA arranged for him to be taken into custody by his country's police after learning he was considering selling out to another intelligence agency.

The document said the young politician was held in prison for six months until he became a "nuisance" and the police "told our people to take him back."

It said the CIA then put him in a mental hospital "as a psychopathic patient" even though "he is not a psychopathic personality."

"He has now been in a hospital for several months and the hospital authorities now want to get him out since he is causing considerable trouble," the document said.

The memo then suggested brainwashing the agent into sticking by the CIA. If that fails, it said, "disposal is perfectly O.K."

A 1951 memo asked a "senior representative" of an unidentified department for help in disposing of two other troublesome agents.

"These two men are disposal problems, one because of his lack of ability to carry out a mission and another because he cannot get along with the chief agent of the project," the memo said.

The memo, in an indication that at least one of the agents was being held in solitary confinement, said he "is already somewhat stir-crazy" and has

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